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SUBJECT: EXCHANGES: EDUCATIONAL SPECIALIST RADU-ALEXANDRU POPA

REFS: A. BUCHAREST 5969, B. STATE 270556

1. EMBASSY WAS ADVISED MONDAY THAT GRANTEE POPA AND WIFE MUST TAKE DAUGHTER TO PHILADELPHIA FOR URGENT MEDICAL ATTENTION DECEMBER 9. TRAVEL, PER DIEM AND MEDICAL EXPENSES BEING PAID BY ROMANIAN MINISTRY OF HEALTH FROM ARRIVAL DATE THROUGH DECEMBER 23, AT WHICH TIME MRS. POPA AND DAUGHTER SCHEDULED TO RETURN TO BUCHAREST AND NO FURTHER MAINTENANCE FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR POPA. THEREFORE REQUEST POPA GRANT BEGIN DECEMBER 23 INSTEAD OF DECEMBER 31 DATE SPECIFIED IN REFTELS.

2. REALIZE THIS PROPOSAL FURTHER COMPLICATES PROGRAMMING PROBLEMS CITED IN REFTEL B, BUT SEE NO PRACTICAL ALTERNATIVE. EMBASSY BELIEVES THE UNFORTUNATE CIRCUMSTANCES NECESSITATING POPA'S UNTIMELY ARRIVAL DESERVE UNDERSTANDING AND SHOW OF GOOD WILL ON OUR PART. IF LONG ACADEMIC VACATION PERIOD PREVENTS SUBSTANTIVE PROGRAMMING FOR FIRST TWO WEEKS, SUGGEST DEPARTMENT CONSIDER EXTENDING POPA'S THRITY-DAY GRANT TO JANUARY 27 OR FEBRUARY 3. EXTRA TIME COULD BE CHARGED OFF AGAINST UNUSED TWO-WEEK PORTION OF CURRENT PESTISANU GRANT OR AGAINST TWO EDUCATIONAL SPECIALIST GRANTS STILL UNFILLED BY GOR.

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3. WOULD APPRECIATE FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE FOR POPA'S

FAMILY ARRIVAL IN NEW YORK. PERHAPS PROGRAM DETAILS COULD BE DEVELOPED THEN OR DURING TWO WEEK HOSPITALIZATION OF DAUGHTER. PLS ADVISE SOONEST.

4. FYI. WE UNDERSTAND POPA'S DAUGHTER WILL BE OPERATED ON FOR TREATMENT OF CANCER, HOWEVER, WE DO NOT HAVE ANY OFFICIAL GOR INFORMATION ON THIS.
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